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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: GENEVA CONFERENCE

REFS: GENEVA 4915, 4920

FOLLOWING IS SITREP 5:00 PM LOCAL:

1. SUMMARY: DURING THEIR AFTERNOON MEETING JULY 30, THE THREE FOREIGN MINISTERS AGREED ON A METHOD OF DETERMINING THE PERMETER OF THE AREA OCCUPIED BY TURKISH ARMED FORCES. THEY ARE STILL MEETING ON THE QUESTION OF THE DEPTH OF THE BUFFER ZONE BETWEEN THE TURKISH FORCES AND THE GREEK CYPRIOT NATIONAL GUARD BUT MAY NOT BE ABLE TO AGREE TO POSPONE THIS DISCUSSION AND NOT PERMIT IT TO DELAY SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE. MAIN QUESTION WILL BE WHETHER THE TURKS WILL AGREE TO LET UNFICYP CONTROL THE PRESENT PERIMETER BEFORE THE DEPTH OF THE ZONE IS AGREED. FACT THAT THE MINISTERS HAVE AGREED TO MEET AGAIN ON AUGUST 8 SUGGESTS THAT THEY CONSIDER THIS FIRST STAGE ABOUT TO BE CONCLUDED.

2. THREE FONMINS HAVE AGREED, WE ARE TOLD, ON FOLLOWING PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINING PERIMETER OF AREA OCCUPIED BY TURKS ON CYPRUS. IMMEDIATELY AFTER SIGNATURE OF THE DECLARATION AT THE CONFERENCE, THERE WILL BE A MEETING IN NICOSIA OF AN OFFICER OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT NATIONAL GUARD, TURKISH OFFICER, AND A BRITISH OFFICER IN CYPRUS TO COMPARE THEIR MAPS AND REACH AGREEMENT ON THE PRESENT LOCATION OF TURKISH

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ARMED FORCES AND POSITIONS ON THE PERIMETER OF THE TURKISH

OCCUPIED AREA. IF THERE ARE DIFFERENCES OR DISAGREEMENTS AS TO ANY OF THESE LOCATIONS, OFFICERS FROM GREECE, TURKEY, THE UK AND UNFICYP WILL THEN PROCEED BY BRITISH HELICOPTER TO THE LOCATIONS IN DISPUTE TO FIX THEIR POSITIONS ON AN AGREED MAP.

3. RE STATUS OF BUFFER ZONE TO BE ESTABLISHED OUTSIDE TURKISH PARIMETER, THERE IS STILL NO AGREEMENT. IT IS POSSIBLE PATTIES MAY HAVE TO AGREE TO DISCUSS THEIR DIFFERENCES AT A LOWER LEVEL AFTER PRESENT DECLARATION ISSUED. SHOULD THEY ELECT THIS COURSE IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT FROM ALL PATTIES FOR UNFICYP TO CONDUCT PATROLS ALONG THE OUTSIDE OF THE TURKISH PARIMETER FROM THE OUTSET, NOT WAITING FOR AN AGREED DETERMINATION OF THE WIDTH OF THE ZONE THEY ARE TO PATROL. SUCH STEPS WOULD PROVIDE GREEKS NECESSARY ASSURANCE THAT IF THE BUFFER ZONE IS NOT DEMARCATED, TURKISH TROOPS WILL BE INHIBITED FROM EXTENDING THEIR POSITIONS. (UN OFFICER GEORGE POINTS OUT THAT THIS WAS DONE BETWEEN THE "FORWARD DEFENDED LOCALITIES" IN THE GOLAN HEIGHTS WHILE ZONES CONTINUE TO BE DISCUSSED.)

4. AUGUST 8, 1974 HAS BEEN INSERTED IN PARA 5 OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION FOR RESUMPTION IN THE GENEVA TALKS.

5. IT SEEMS HIGHLY LIKELY NOW THAT WE WILL HAVE FULL AGREEMENT THIS EVENING. CALLAGHAN STILL NOT ASKING ANY ACTION OF US AT THE PRESENT TIME.

6. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT AS DESIRED.
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